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## A GOOD PRESCRIPTION

Take a dash of cold water  
And a little leaven of prayer,  
A little bit of sunshine gold  
Dissolved in the morning air;  
Add to your meal some merriment  
And a thought for kith and kin;  
And then, as a prime ingredient  
A plenty of work thrown in:  
But spice it all with the essence of love  
And a little whiff of play:  
Let a wise old book and a glance above  
Complete a well spent day.

## THE IMAGE OF GOD.

was in the city of New York when that wonderful picture "Christ Before Pilate" was first shown in this country. Mr. Wanamaker afterward paid for it for one hundred thousand dollars.

There was about that picture of a material thing—the frame, the canvas, the paints, the brushes—that could have been bought probably for less than a hundred dollars and Mr. Wanamaker was willing to pay ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and fifty dollars for the spiritual conception the artist had caught and been able to place upon the canvas.

There is no coin in which to estimate the value of a human soul thrilled and inspired by a spiritual conception which transforms life.

—Dr. William M. Brooks, in "Chapel Talks."

## THE SAN FRANCISCO DAILY WHIG.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Robert E. Cowan and William C. Pond a copy of the Daily Whig has been laid on our desk. It is dated July 11, 1853, so it is only a few weeks of being 69 years old. It grows old with age. It has an account of the dedication of the First Congregational Church of the city. It says that the scripture lesson was read by Rev. William C. Pond; and the sermon was preached by Mr. John H. the pastor, on I Kings, viii:28. "Will God dwell on the earth? Behold the heavens and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; much less this house which I have builded."

A considerable portion of the advertising space is given over to "Reeve's Twelfth Monster Raffle," the

highest prize of which was quoted as "a solid bar of California gold valued at \$80,000." There were other prizes amounting to a total of \$30,000.

In one corner of the paper there is a discussion pro and con concerning raffles in general, with the arguments overwhelmingly in favor of this manner of raising money for public purposes. None of the arguments mentions that raffling is a form of gambling; apparently such an argument at such a time would not be effective. "The world do move."

## MOVIES AND DANCING.

A questionnaire sent out to Christian Endeavorers upon the Movies and Dancing resulted in part as follows: Of the 128 answers that came in, 87 attended the movies and 40 did not. About half of those attending go as frequently as once a month to once a week. Fifty of them go for entertainment; 46 like serious drama; 35 light drama; 18 adventure; 6 wild west, and 4 slap-stick. One hundred and twelve think that the movies might be improved and 2 think not. Answering "have the movies been a hindrance to your spiritual life?" 22 say yes, and 65 say no. About one-half dance. Most of them think it is injurious to spiritual life.

## SALARIES.

The National Council's Commission on the Status of the Ministry has accomplished somewhat in the increase of salaries for these servants of God. The average salary of a group of churches, which in 1914 was \$1300, has been brought up to \$2,000. There are some churches which have not increased the salary by one dollar in all these years; and there are a few which have, because of the stringency of the times, reduced the amount paid the preacher. What shall we say of the church that makes its pastor bear all the "stringency of the times?"

There are two things which an honest church will do—at least two: It will pay a living salary to its minister, no self-respecting church can do less. It will pay it "spot-cash"; on the date when due. Yet, alas, there are churches which think themselves honest who owe the minister out of his meager salary some large portion not for weeks only, but for months.

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## SEEING THE UNSEEN

Thou who dost all things give,  
Be not Thyself forgot!  
No longer may Thy children live  
As if their God were not!

But every day and hour,  
Since Thou dost bless us thus,  
In still increasing light and power,  
Reveal Thyself to us;

Until our faith shall be  
Stronger than words can tell,  
And we shall live beholding Thee,  
O Thou Invisible!

## THE ACCRETIONS OF CENTURIES.

The Unity of Christendom is no new thought. It is not a new fact. In the first days of the church there was a unity based solely upon a changed life with repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ. "It was the unity of a common relation," says a Bampton lecturer, "to a common hope."

A second theory soon announced itself; unity could exist only where there was uniformity of belief. The life and spirit must rest upon truth. A creed became essential, and subscription to it was the sine qua non of unity. Who could not assent to the theological statement could not belong to the brotherhood. How the church went from experience to the narrower idea of intellectual conformity is explicable; but though natural it was a real lapse from the spiritual religion of Jesus.

A third step speedily and of necessity followed. If there be a final dogma, a Catholic Order must guarantee its permanence and purity. Christian unity would therefore consist in a common life based on a common belief authenticated by a common Order.

The fourth phase then appeared; it was a uniformity of ceremony and organization. It was not sufficient to have inner affairs harmonious; the externals must agree. Conformity without as well as within would be the testimony of the unity of the church.

From the first century to this is a long way; and these accretions have had great leisure for accumulation. But it is the task of this later day to prune

away the errors, and to get back to the simplicity of Jesus. The beautiful blossom of real and spread fellowship will never bloom in purity of perfection until then.

It is a communion of souls that we seek; not those necessarily who hold identical interpretations of truth, nor of those who have been rightly related to some ancient organization; but of those only who have had a genuine experience of God through Christ.

## QUEER THINKING.

What vast amount of crime is charged against Prohibition. It is the Eighteenth Amendment which is responsible for all the boot-legging and all the evils of the drink traffic. Is stealing the result of our laws against thievery? Is all licentiousness to be laid at the door of the Seventh Commandment?

No law creates lawlessness; the code does not make criminals. Crime arises in the heart of the man who is a criminal. Men are bootlegging because they are disloyal to our Constitution and the law. The Volstead Law is not responsible for that lack of loyalty. Root out that spirit of treason from the hearts of these thousands of people, mostly of foreign birth, and you will have obedience and devotion and patriotism.

Theodore Bell is quoted as having said that 110,000,000 are going to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment. If he said that, he made a mistake in his figures, he had altogether too many children in his reckoning. But he was true about one thing and that is that fighting Prohibition is fighting the Constitution of our land.

Keep in mind until next November, the battle between loyalty and disloyalty to the Constitution of the United States. Shall we keep the Flag flying or shall we drag it in the dirt?

## RING OUT THE OLD; RING IN THE NEW

Sunday evening, April 2d, 1922, marked an important milestone in the history of the First Congregational Church of Redwood City, as it was the last service to be held in the old church. For this reason, it was made a service of reminiscence. Old hymns were sung, old names recalled, and early history repeated. It was an "Old Home Night" as a number of the early members returned to have a part in this service in their first church home; and, as one of them expressed herself, "Just to hear those old hymns mentioned was an inspiration, and worth all the effort made to come."

Rev. L. D. Rathbone, a former pastor, gave a talk on the men who had ministered to the congregation since it was organized, himself and Rev. H. Sink being the only ones living.

Mr. Roy Cloud gave what to the older members

most interesting talk on the early workers in church, as it recalled so many happy memories of the '70's when Rev. H. E. Jewett was beloved pastor.

Lila M. Kirkpatrick gave a short history of church from the time it was organized in 1862 twelve charter members down to the present when there are two hundred and ninety en-

Monday morning workmen began wrecking the structure, the frame timbers of which are the old ones used in the building erected in 1863. Many additions and improvements have been made at that time, but all must give way now to the new and up to date church which we hope will be ready for dedication when we celebrate our sixtieth anniversary this fall.

—L. M. K.

### SUNRISE EASTER SERVICES.

Rubidoux near Riverside has set the style for California for some years past. Its great success has stimulated many imitators. This year meetings have been held in many places in the Northern part of the state, perhaps the most picturesque being on Mount Tamalpais in Marin county, where over 500 worshippers joined in an Easter service. The inspiring words of former President James S. Nash of the Pacific School of Religion, Easter services were held at various points about the bay, with attendances reported as 1,500, 1,200 and 1,000. Rev. O. W. S. McCall of Berkeley and J. K. McKim of the American Board being among the speakers.

### A LETTER FROM COMMISSION ON MISSIONS.

The 1921 apportionments are coming in from the churches in encouraging fashion. Apparently about \$1,000,000 have been raised which is an amount exceeding 1920 by more than \$60,000. This in the face of the business depression is a success.

The Eastern states made gains; New York's was 25 per cent; Ohio gained 30 per cent. Some of the middle west states fell short. Southern California has apparently made a gain of 50 per cent; Northern California with a total of \$53,713 made a 10 per cent gain.

### THE RIGHT SORT OF CO-OPERATION.

Churches usually think that the pastor should do the evangelizing; if any new members are to be secured for the church, the slogan is—"Let the minister do it."

Not so at the Berkeley First. A committee of twenty-five members has been at work for some time past rounding up candidates for the May communion. The committee has met from week to week for mutual encouragement and to report prog-

Already over seventy people have been found who desire to enter the fellowship of the church. This group will be considerably increased by the time of the next communion. A fine example that for all our churches, and a great comfort to Pastor McCall.

### LAWLESSNESS.

Every one who violates the law of the land tears asunder the charter of liberty.—Abraham Lincoln.

No citizen has the right to choose the laws he will obey. Such a course of action leads directly to anarchy. It is anarchy.

The idea that a police officer has the right to choose what laws he will enforce is monstrous.

When the liquor men are allowed to do what they wish to, they will debauch the body politic.—Theodore Roosevelt.

### SAVED FROM STARVATION.

Miss Nellie Cole, an American Board Missionary, who went out from Forest Grove, Oregon, has just returned from Trebinond on the Black Sea, having been suddenly called back because of serious illness in her home.

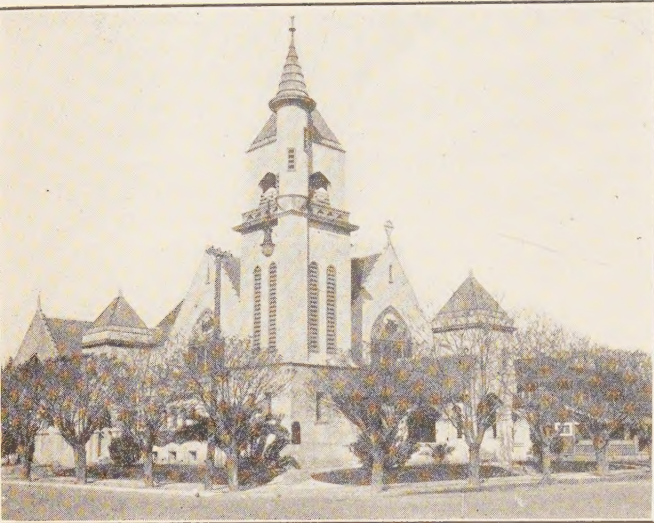
Since 1919 Miss Cole has been in charge of the Near-East Relief Orphanage and a school for about 100 Armenian girls. She says:

"It was wonderful to see the transformation in these girls during that time. We found them poor little ragged waifs, and I left them a group of attractive, alert, ambitious girls, the larger ones able to make all their own clothes and knit their stockings."

The Women's Home Missionary Union report that they use their share of the Thank-offering to help young people in securing education. One girl and two boys at Albuquerque have been helped thus far. Seventy-five dollars is a scholarship and provides schooling for a student without his working for self-support. The women have sent out boxes amounting to \$657 and cash of \$162. Seven boxes of warm clothing have been sent to the Indians; but Rev. J. L. Rollins of Fort Bidwell says they need more. A request for magazines has resulted in the Union being able to send two dozen, reaching fourteen pastors.

Archbishop Curley of the Roman Catholic Church, Baltimore, is reported as saying to a confirmation class, ridiculing the 18th Amendment: "It is impossible to legislate morality into a man." We had supposed that it took some mental acumen to be an Archbishop.

Any one paying a year's subscription in advance can secure the Pacific and Dr. Pond's new book for \$1.75. The book alone costs \$1.50.



### FRESNO PILGRIM ARMENIAN CHURCH.

Every department of our church work has felt the quickening power of a new church plant. The Sabbath morning worship draws a full house, which means an average audience nearly 75 per cent larger than the membership of the church. The Church School is steadily growing in numbers, also in efficiency. We have organized a Boy Scouts Troop.

A new thing with us is a monthly English Service, conducted by our pastor, M. G. Papazian. It is held on Sunday evening and is entirely in English. It is intended to cater primarily to the needs of young people who feel more at home in English than in their vernacular tongue. It seems also to attract some American friends.

The Easter season, chiefly through the instrumentality of the Pastor's Catechism Class, ushered fourteen new members into the church, ten of whom come in on confession of faith. The present membership of the church stands at 334.

The Pastor has declined a call to the office of Executive Secretary of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, with headquarters in New York City.

During Mrs. McPherson's Revival meetings in this city in the month of January the attitude of this church was that of "Benevolent Neutrality." Many people attended the meetings with more or less regularity. The church has received no new imprint, and no definite impression of any kind.

One student in the Central Turkey Girls College in Marash writes of the school: "The college stands in the middle of Central Turkey like a huge torch enlightening in every respect all those who come in contact with it."

### EASTER JOYS IN THE CHURCHES.

Paper and ink cannot tell the story of the preceding joy and exultation of Easter Day. But Easter Monday a group of ministers with happy faces and glowing words reported something of their experience of the preceding day. Here in brief line is what they said:

#### Calvary, Oakland.

To Pastor Schwimley it was the happiest which he has had in his Oakland pastorate. During Passion Week he had held services every evening with a Communion Service on Thursday night, which Rev. William Floyd was a most acceptable speaker. On Easter morning there were eight baptisms. For one of the children at that service four generations were represented at the altar. Two members came on confession and one by letter.

#### Fruitvale, Oakland.

Rev. Charles F. Clarke, the pastor, reported a grand day. The congregations were large, the church was filled at the morning service. The Sunday School had a special Easter service at their usual hour with 300 present. He baptized six children and received thirty-three new members into the church, nineteen of them on confession and three on reaffirmation of their faith. Some more are expected to join at the next communion.

#### Olivet, Oakland.

Rev. H. Govette, pastor. Church more than ever in the morning, and the largest evening audience yet; eight children baptised and eight new members received. There are about twenty more lined up for membership at the next communion.

#### Crockett.

Rev. C. F. Roper, pastor. This field has shown remarkably promising spirit of late. The atmosphere of the Easter service was rich and hopeful. There were twelve baptisms and five new members received with the promise of further additions later on.

#### Bethany, Berkeley and Bay Point.

Rev. William Floyd said he was glad that Easter was over, and yet he rejoiced in the Easter that had just gone. He did not get half the number of new members that he had hoped for, but nevertheless it was a good time. Bethany church was full. He had made a promise that if they filled the church once full, he would give five dollars to the benevolences of the church. He has paid the five dollars. At Bay Point there was a great congregation. The new bell was consecrated and the bell ringer in joy managed to tip the bell upside down. Eight new members were received into membership.

#### First Berkeley.

This was Rev. O. W. McCall's first Easter in America. It was a happy day. The morning congregation occupied every bit of available space.

in hearing of the minister. By count there were hundred and seventy-eight in the congregation. pastor had the joy of reading a list of fifty-one who have offered themselves for membership May 7th. This is the largest number to be read in the history of the church. The pastor read on "If Christ be not Risen—."

#### Jose.

Rev. Fred W. Morrison had his first Easter with a new flock and it was a glad day. The church membership has been renewed, repainted and read; the church is starting out in a new and fresher way for greater things. It is making adequate provision and has great promise. The day was the most thrilling of all Easters that the pastor had experienced. The total offering for the day was \$1.00; and nineteen new members were received.

#### Seavard, Oakland.

Rev. J. B. Orr had a 40 per cent increase in membership. He took in a total of fifty new members during his membership up to one hundred and twenty. It was a glad day.

#### Seavard, Oakland.

Rev. Charles Mundell, the new pastor, had the joy of preaching to a crowded house on Easter. Sunday School is growing rapidly and most engagingly. One Japanese girl whose father is a doctor brought \$50 worth of flowers for the Easter celebrations. There were seventeen baptisms, eleven of whom were adults. The offerings amounted to \$1.00. A total of thirty-eight members was received. This brings the membership of the church up to one hundred and twenty-seven. This is a 92 per cent increase, and the church fully takes the banner.

#### Seavard.

The Sunday School children had a pretty Easter service at their usual hour in the Sunday School building. The morning congregation and music were very joyous and encouraging. The church offering for the month expenses was \$70 and there was a special offering also of \$361.

#### Seavard, Oakland.

This is a new name among our churches. The new sunrise service, which was the first service ever held on the new church lot, was attended by about forty people, and Rev. J. K. Browne preached the sermon. Supt. Dodge who has been in charge of the field reported that the church starts out with twenty-six charter members, many coming in on profession of faith.

#### Stockton.

Rev. H. H. Gill, pastor. Easter saw twenty-six members joining the church, which brings the membership pretty close up to four hundred. The church has assumed the full support of Dr. Alma Cooke, as their missionary on the foreign field. Dr. Cooke is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs.

William H. Cooke who were so long in the service of the Golden Gate church of Oakland. Since Easter Sunday ten more have added their names to the roll of the church.

#### Santa Cruz.

Burton M. Palmer, pastor. The Lenten class conducted by the pastor has been unusually satisfactory. At the Easter services 26 members were received, 4 of them by letter. There were 16 baptisms, three of which were infants. The Knights Templars participated in the evening service, and the choir gave a cantata.

#### Pacific Grove.

Rev. T. H. Dodd, pastor. The church celebrated Easter with music and address in the morning, and in the evening the pastor explained the Passion Play with pictures. On the Monday evening following a great crowd enjoyed a musical festival in the auditorium of the church.

#### Petaluma.

During some weeks past while the church has been without a resident pastor, Supt. L. D. Rathbone has very kindly assisted us in our services. During Passion Week he held special meetings; and on Easter we had a fine gathering and added nine new members to our strength.

#### Suisun.

A Good Friday service was largely attended. Twenty-five of the younger members of the church partook of the communion. At the Easter morning service five new members were received, four by letter and one by profession of faith. Sunday evening the church was filled when a most interesting program was given by the Sunday School. A generous offering was received for the benevolences of the church. For over two years two large societies of Intermediate and Junior Christian Endeavor have been maintained with gratifying results under the leadership of Mrs. Edmund Owens.

### BRIEFLY.

So far in the Prohibition battle 31 of the 58 California counties have adopted ordinances making the local enforcement of the 18th Amendment obligatory. Sixty-two municipalities, like Stockton, Martinez, and Whittier, have adopted similar legislation. So the good work goes on.

The fifty-fifth annual convention of the Northern California Sunday School association is to be held on May 3, 4 and 5, in the First Congregational Church, San Francisco.

Congregational students in some of the leading universities number: University of Michigan, 1,007 out of a student body of 9,322; University of Wisconsin, 1,000 out of 7,500; Nebraska, 500 out of 5,170; and California, 700 out of 9,611.

Attorney General Daugherty says: "Respect for law is the one essential fact of our civilization. Gov-

ernment will endure on the rock of law-enforcement or it will perish in the quicksands of lawlessness."

Herbert Hoover says: "Russia is slowly boiling to death in a cauldron of starvation; its leaders freely acknowledge failure. The danger of bolshevism is passed."

A short time ago fifteen hundred women gathered together at a luncheon in New York City, in the interest of missions. The special interest was the Union Colleges and Medical Schools for women of the Orient. Harry Emerson Fosdick spoke; so did Ambassador Crane, and others. The women took their share of the meeting in making subscriptions, which at the last totaled \$85,000. No wonder that they sang the doxology at the end of the session.

The total religious constituency of the country (including all members and adherents), according to the survey, is 95,858,096. In detail statistics show that the Protestants count 74,795,226; Roman Catholics, 17,885,846.

The Yenching College girls of China gave the "Twelfth Night" and earned \$600 for Christian purposes, in the province of Yunan. The Congregational women of Hawaii have organized under the name of "W. B. M. P. I." which will be a puzzler to the uninitiated. It means "Woman's Board of Missions of the Pacific Islands." They will care for a teacher in the Yenching College for girls.

According to the testimonies given in the "Christian Science" trials in Massachusetts during the past year, there has been a great shrinkage in the circulation of their periodicals. The Herald and Presbyter says: "During 1921 the Journal lost 73 per cent of its subscribers; the Sentinel 70 per cent; the Monitor more than 80 per cent. The net earnings of the Publishing Society which had been reported as about \$40,000 per month had a net loss of \$20,000 per month." A church fight is a losing venture in whatever denomination it occurs.

For the skeptical there may be food for thought in the fact that, despite moral as well as economic upsets following the war, 4,070,340 new members have been added to the church rolls during the last five years, according to a survey just completed by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. The Roman Catholic in the same time have gained 2,163,831, only a little over half the growth of the Protestant churches.

Rev. Walter Laidlaw says: Fifteen per cent of the United States is Roman Catholic over against 70 per cent which is Protestant. In ten years the Protestant membership has increased much faster than the Catholic. In New York City the Protestant church had a net increase of 50,000 while the Catholic churches had a net loss of 117,000.

A million new members were added to the Protestant churches at Easter-time a year ago. The

signs are that many more than that have joined this year.

Plans are under way looking toward the federation of the W. H. M. U. of Northern California and the Woman's Branch. It has been felt for some time that women who are working for missions should be in closer co-operation; the new plan of service contemplates having one set of officers over the two bodies with perhaps interlocking boards of trustees.

The Woman's Home Missionary Union of Southern California held their annual meeting in San Diego on April 25 and 26th.

The April issue of the University of California Chronicle has for its frontispiece a cut of Eugene Neuhaus' "Springtime at Santa Barbara." Ford A. Carpenter writes interestingly upon "Charting some California air lanes": which means that he has from an airplane taken photographs of clouds, far above them, any where from 3,000 feet to 8,000 altitude. Four attractive and valuable pictures are reproduced. President Barrows writes also instructively upon "What are the prospects of the University professor."

#### EASTER ADDITIONS.

|                             | Con. | Tot. |                   | Con. | Tot. |
|-----------------------------|------|------|-------------------|------|------|
| Alturas .....               | 5    | 7    | Paradise .....    | 7    |      |
| Auburn .....                | 2    | 6    | Reedley (Arm) ..  | 1    |      |
| Bay Point .....             | 1    | 2    | Petaluma .....    |      |      |
| Benicia .....               | 2    | 7    | Pittsburg .....   | 16   |      |
| <b>Berkeley, First</b> .... |      | 51   | Sacramento .....  |      |      |
| North .....                 | 11   | 20   | San Francisco     |      |      |
| Campbell .....              |      | 9    | Chinese .....     | 7    |      |
| Ceres .....                 | 5    | 10   | San Jose .....    | 9    |      |
| <b>Fresno, Kreuz</b> ..     | 57   | 57   | San Juan .....    | 10   |      |
| Zion .....                  | 21   | 23   | San Mateo .....   | 3    |      |
| Pilgrim .....               | 10   | 14   | San Rafael .....  |      |      |
| Glen Ellen .....            |      | 2    | Santa Cruz .....  | 22   |      |
| Lockeford .....             | 3    | 3    | Santa Rosa .....  | 5    |      |
| Lodi (Ebenezer) .           | 2    | 12   | Saratoga .....    |      |      |
| Loomis .....                |      | 4    | Sebastopol .....  | 3    |      |
| Martinez .....              | 6    | 10   | Stockton .....    |      |      |
| Oakland First ....          |      | 40   | Suisun .....      | 1    |      |
| Boulevard ....              | 24   | 50   | Sunnyvale .....   | 4    |      |
| Grace .....                 |      | 38   | Tulare .....      |      |      |
| Olivet .....                |      | 8    | Weaverville ..... | 5    |      |

#### THE MINISTER.

After three years of fine work in Cloverdale Rev. E. D. Keage has been called to the church at Guerneville and will begin work there on the first Sunday in May.

Rev. G. A. Werner, who has been taking special work in the University of California looking to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, has preached acceptably for the people of Park church, Berkeley that they have called him to succeed Norman Peckleton, recently gone to Reno. Mr. Werner will be

work with the church in May.

Rev. Mr. Staub, of the Holiness Church of Santa Ana, has been called to preach also for the church at Odd, and has accepted.

Miss Sarah E. Bundy has resigned her position as Religious Director of Southern California Conference to take effect by the end of June. She purposes taking up teaching in the fall of the year.

Chaplain Weed, a graduate of the Pacific School of Religion, who spent some months in the service across the water, has been visiting Southern California on furlough. He has been preaching for the church at Avalon, and has received a call to its pastorate.

Rev. Helen Street Ranney gave her "Talks to Home-Folks" to the people of the First Church of San Diego recently.

Does any small church—Home Missionary preferably—want some second-hand hymn books by paying transportation? If so, write to Rev. H. H. Gill of Jackson.

### GROWTH IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The year book will soon be issued. The proof sheets for Northern California have already been received at the Conference office and reveal the following encouraging facts:-

#### Net Increase

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Church Members .....         | 424      |
| Sunday School members .....  | 646      |
| P. S. C. E. ....             | 50       |
| Gifts on Apportionment ..... | \$8,824  |
| Denominational Gifts .....   | \$7,040  |
| Home Expenses .....          | \$61,337 |
| Value of Property .....      | 138,850  |

#### Net Loss

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Over Congregational Gifts .....    | \$14,074 |
| Church Debts (Is It a Loss?) ..... | \$20,845 |

It is noteworthy that of the churches of Northern California which are holding services and reported, there are but four which did not receive addition in 1921.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

#### Wood City.

Nearly two hundred friends of the pastor Charles Stevens and his wife gave them a delightful surprise party in the church in honor of their birthdays and to celebrate their tenth anniversary in the pastorate of this church. After an interesting program a mahogany tea-wagon laden with a birthday cake was wheeled in and presented to the pastor and pastoreess. There was also an additional gift of \$40 in gold. At the morning church service ten members were received into the church, four by confession.

#### ville.

Rev. J. Johnson, pastor. Religion has been put on

the map by the friendly contest going on between the men of Oroville vs. the Men of the Hutchinson Lumber Company. The mill men challenged the city men in a Bible class contest for attendance. The mill men won out. The attendance on the last Sunday of the battle royal was mill men—105; and city men—77; total, 182. The average attendance of this class before the contest was about 20. Interest and attendance is keeping up since the battle was won. The Sunday School has an attendance of 473.

#### Washougal, Washington.

Rev. C. H. C. Jackson who came to us from Pittsburg, Cal., about a year ago, has accomplished a fine service in that time. Fifty new members have been added to the church, 35 of them on confession. An Intermediate C. E. has been organized with an average attendance of 35; and a Junior C. E. with attendance of 25. The apportionment set by the conference for this church to raise was \$400, and within eight months the church has raised \$106 more than was asked for. The Sunday School adopted the 'Chart' plan of giving for missions and averages now \$10 per month. The church hopes to raise the major portion of Miss Clapp's salary as worker in the Doshisha, Japan; she is a daughter of the church, her father having been for many years pastor here.

#### Santa Barbara.

Rev. Joseph H. Batten, pastor. Passion Week services were held with the "Victorious Christ" as the uppermost theme. The pastor has been preaching mornings a short sermon to the children. His topics have been "Coffin-nail Missionaries," "The Lost-time Inn," "Doing the Chores" and "How the Trailing Arbutus Came."

#### First Oakland.

F. J. Van Horn, pastor. The church has undertaken to raise a permanent endowment of \$100,000 to help maintain this institution as a down-town church in the years to come. It was started a little over a year ago and to date amounts to \$20,000. Dean Charles R. Brown, out of his love for the old church of which he was pastor so many years has made an offer to give the last \$10,000 of the endowment when others have brought the amount up to \$90,000. Many have already made provision for this endowment in their wills.

#### Central Union, Honolulu.

Out of his experience in a trip across the ocean and this continent the pastor Albert W. Palmer has been preaching to his people. One sermon was on "Fifty days on the main land" and another on "The Grand Canyon—a Poem and a Parable." He has also been speaking on such themes as, "How Do Colleges East and West Compare?" "What is the Most Beautiful Piece of Architecture in America?" and "Can Hawaii Complain About Bad Movies Sent Here so Long as We Export Hula Dancing to the Mainland?"

## OUR BOOK SHELF.

"It is a truism of modern educational science that the objective in teaching should be the pupil, not the lesson," remarks Frederick C. Grant in the **Life and Times of Jesus** (The Abingdon Press). The purpose of this book and the study it commends is three-fold; (a) Correct and useful knowledge of Jesus and his times; (b) Right attitude resulting from contact with Jesus; and (c) Determination to carry that attitude into life-practice. In thirty-two chapters the lessons run through the whole life of Jesus chronologically. Being a teacher's manual each chapter besides concisely giving the substance of the lesson, defines the aim of this special teaching, marks out the "centers of stress," and maps a procedure. Very compact and helpful.

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John Elbert Stout, professor of Religious Education in Northwestern University, writes "Whatever we would have in our national life we must first put into our program of education." As related to civic and vocational life of our young people this truth has been accepted; we are now awaking to the fact that it also applies to the religious life. In **Organization and Administration of Religious Education** (The Abingdon Press) the whole problem is discussed. The Church as an instrument of social service, the educational function of the church, the aims of religious education, community week-day schools, the church school, religious education in higher

institutions,—these and more than these are examined and advised concerning. The conclusion the whole matter is that "upon the church America rests the responsibility of nurturing religious life of the American people."

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Rita Benton has given us ten short Biblical plays in very attractive form, with full instructions as putting them on, with music and illustrations. Noah's Flood begins the series, and it ends with Manger Service. **Shorter Bible Plays.** (The Abingdon Press).

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

**THE SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE OF JESUS:** by James Alexander Robertson. Fourth impression. Pages 285. Price \$2.25. The Pilgrim Press, Boston.

**RELIGION AS EXPERIENCE:** by John Wright Buckham. Professor of Christian Theology in Pacific School of Religion. Pages 128. Price \$1.00 net. The Abingdon Press, New York.

**THE HONOR OF THE CHURCH:** by Charles R. Brown. University. Pages 97. Price \$1.00 net. The Pilgrim Press, Boston.

**THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH:** by Luther Allan Weigle, Professor in Yale University. author of "Training the Devotional Life," etc. Pages 128. Price \$1.50 net, postage 10c. The Pilgrim Press, Boston.

**THE USE OF ART IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Religious Education Texts, by Albert Edward Bailey, Professor of Religious Art and Archaeology, Boston University. Price \$1.00 net, postage extra. Pages 163; illustrated. The Abingdon Press, New York.

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